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1. The "new artillery barracks" at Kosice is at the eastern edge of the city on the bank of the Hrnad River, at the division of the roads going to Michalovce and Presov. This barracks, known during Hungarian Occupation as the Hussar barracks, was destroyed during World War II, but has been rebuilt. It consists of: a guardhouse; four three-story quarters for enlisted personnel; a two story command building; a one-story weapons depot; a garage for guns; a one-story kitchen and storehouse for food; a one-story depot building; and three three-story buildings still incomplete.
2. The barracks is occupied by a motorized artillery regiment. The commander is Capt. Nejedly. Besides the staff the regimental troops include a quartermaster administration; a staff battery with a reconnaissance platoon, a telephone platoon, a radio platoon, and an armored platoon; a training company with three platoons.
3. The 1st Section is commanded by Capt Vukic. It has a staff battery and two motorized batteries. Each battery consists of 125 to 135 men. They wear black shoulder boards with a red border. Each battery consists of two gun platoons, divided into half-platoons. Each battery has three 76.2 mm AT guns, but not enough guns being available, the organization was still incomplete at the end of 1953. The 2nd Section is similarly organized, each battery having three 122 mm howitzers. The 3rd Section has the same organization, but each battery has three 82 mm mortars.
4. Individual equipment of the artillerists is rifles and machine pistols, model 1948, produced by Skoda on Soviet design.

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5. The auto park consists of nine Skoda and Tatra passenger cars, two shop cars, two radio cars, 16 Wieppon prime movers and 12 trucks.
6. In the spring of 1953 the regiment took part in two major firing exercises in the mountains near Trendin. Recruits pass through the training company, where they spend a period of two months before being assigned to sections. Those who cannot qualify politically remain in the training company. Political training takes as much as two or three hours a day, and leaves the men little free time. Leaves are given only after a period of months.

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